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"Puerto Rico"

Hello,

I received your letter yesterday and was very glad to hear from you, this leaves me happy but not in the best of health, hope these few lines will find all well and happy. I am afraid there isn't much news this time, due to the fact I have been unable to get out, I have been laid up for the past two weeks with a bad stomach, I am feeling lots better <sup>you</sup> ~~than~~, only weak from taking so much medicine and not being able to eat, the doctor said I would be able to play again in a week or so, I will certainly be glad too this laying in bed has gotten the best of me. I am just itching to play again. One thing I am thankful for and that is we won the 1st half before I got sick, in fact I took sick three days after the final game, right in the middle of all the celebrations, I think I told you how these folks carried on when we won, well any how they really were happy, it seems everyone declared a holiday for a week, I've never seen folks so happy, and they really treated us swell, we were invited to party after party, all in all everyone in Laguas were very happy over our winning, this being the first time they ever won or came close in the season I guess, and too they really are crazy about base ball. If the people there were only like these fans here, you would have a packed park every time you played. And since I have been sick everyone here has gone out of their way to be nice to me, I have



visitors every hour in the day<sup>2</sup>, and these owners have  
had every doctor in town examine me, it certainly make  
me feel proud that these people think so much of me, all  
of us in fact, maybe its due to our winning, but never  
the less they have been swell, now I am not throwing blame  
you all have nice to me also (smile) And so much for that  
The second half has got under way with Ray team and  
Satchella team leading, having won three and lost one, it is  
true that Satchell lost his first two games, he wasn't in condition  
but now he is really going to town he has won all the rest, two  
by shutouts. Our team hasn't been going so good in the second  
half, have won only one out of four, as I am quite sure we  
will be here for the final playoffs. (smile) I will try and find  
out what you asked me about Barnhill and Satchell, I think  
Barnhill would like to play for you, but I am not sure. And  
about that perfume, the prices are the same here if not higher  
than there, you see I've already priced them, but I'll try a  
gain in the larger towns. The players here have found out  
that they can go to Mexico and are leaving soon, at least  
some are, those who ~~the~~ team isn't in the running for the  
second half. Clarkson has received an offer, but from what  
he tells me he would rather come back there to play, if  
he and you could come to <sup>an</sup> agreement, what he meant  
I don't know, he said he wrote you but haven't as yet heard  
from you, so if you want me too I will tell him to write  
you his plans because I am quite sure you want him  
back. If you want to write him, his address is % Mayaguez  
Base Ball Club, Mayaguez, P.R. I don't know whether Monty  
has received an offer as yet, but I do know he is definitely  
coming home first. And now that I have spoken about  
everyone else, I will change the subject to myself. I  
imagine you already know what it is all about, and  
you are right, I would like to know the salary you





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All are planning on giving me this summer, I myself think I deserve a raise, I know I received a raise last year without deserving it due to my bad playing the year before, I but I know, or rather I think I proved myself worthy of it, don't you? I know I am no star, but you must take into consideration that tho I am no star, I proved myself to be of some value to your ball club last year the years before when I had a good season I was raised and when I had a bad one as before I was cut, even tho the salary I was getting was very small, and so now that I had a good season I think I deserve a raise. The reason I am asking for this information is because I don't want the same thing to happen that almost happened last year and that is going to spring training and then coming back to find out that you had no intentions of keeping me and was to be released, in fact I was just taken along to help out in the spring training games and be let go as soon as the boys got out of college. I think that was pretty low, and then when things didn't turn out as expected I was kept, but if things had happen otherwise I would have been without a job, with no chances of getting one and the season ready to open, and so I ask you do you think that was quite fair. So I would greatly appreciate the truth this time about your plans for me this summer, because I have a chance



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to go to Mexico, and I would hate to pass it up if things  
are to be as last year. I really like and want to play  
with your ball club, but I would like to be treated as a  
man, not ~~a~~ boy, because I think I am one and I think  
I have proven myself to be. You asked me when I would  
have to report for the draft, well it is July 10, that means  
I would only be with the ball club a short while, so if  
you figure I couldn't be of any value to the club in that  
short of time, please let me know. I hope I have made  
myself clear, and I hope you won't hold it against  
me for saying what has been on my mind for a long  
time, but things like that just can't be kept in. So I  
will say so long for this time, hoping to hear from you  
very soon

Yours Truly  
Lennie